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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/631,928	Applicant(s) TEOH ET AL.	
	Examiner Victor X. Nguyen	Art Unit 3734	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 April 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5-7,9,10,13 and 14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5-7,9,10,13 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-2, 5-7, 9-10 and 13-14 are pending in this present application.

The amendment to the Abstract is acknowledged

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 4/13/2009 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-2, 5-7, 9-10 and 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wallace 6,454,780.

Claim 1: Wallace discloses a method of occluding an aneurysm (col. 2, lines 66-67, col. 3, lines 1-12), the aneurysm having a neck and a sac, the method comprising: delivering a liner 64 into the aneurysm, the liner having a proximal portion and a distal portion (see labeled, fig. 7a), wherein the distal portion of the liner is more permeable than the proximal portion of the liner (it is noted that the distal portion has larger aperture which is inherently more permeable than the proximal portion which has smaller aperture), and wherein the liner 64 is delivered so that the proximal portion of the liner extends across the aneurysm neck (fig. 7d) and the distal portion of the liner is positioned within the aneurysm sac (col. 11, lines 65-67); and introducing

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embolics (col. 12, lines 3-7) through an opening in the proximal portion of the liner into an interior of the liner, wherein the distal portion of the liner allows preferential permeation of the embolics from the liner interior into the sac of the aneurysm (col. 12, lines 3-7).

Claims 2 and 7: Wallace discloses the liner comprised a biodegradable and biocompatible material (col. 7, lines 3-17), and where the liner distal portion (fig. 7a) comprises a liner portion supported by struts 68.

Claims 5 and 6: Wallace discloses the liner proximal portion (fig. 7a) comprises a liner portion supported by expandable struts 68, and where the liner distal portion comprises the struts free of any covering (fig. 7a).

Claims 9 and 10: Wallace discloses the liner portion comprised a shape memory polymer material (col. 10, lines 45-51) and further comprising actuating the shape memory polymer between a first low profile delivery configuration (fig. 7c) wherein it confines the struts 68 to the low profile configuration into a second relaxed, expanded configuration (fig. 7d, col. 11, lines 51-64).

Claims 13 and 14: Wallace discloses the proximal liner portion inhibits permeation of embolics from the liner interior into a parent blood vessel (col. 11, lines 39-44), and wherein the delivering step is carried out using an elongated delivery member 16 releasably connected to the liner 64.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. U.S. Pat. No. 6,344,048 to Chin

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Victor X. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-4699. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8-4.30 P.M).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anh Tuan Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-4713. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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